

# Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report

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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

**Please note:** A data error was discovered while preparing last week's OSCAR. Data from one carrier for 40ft dry containers in the Kansas City market has been incorrect since the beginning of the year. No other locations, container types, or carrier responses were affected. The corrected Kansas City data is now available in each report since the beginning of 2014 in the archive portion of our website.

A separate error was found in the Oakland data for one carrier for 40ft high-cube containers; no other locations, container types or carrier responses were impacted. The Oakland data was updated in this report on June 6, 2014.

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# **Location Specific Container Availability Analysis**

#### **Historical Analysis of Columbus**

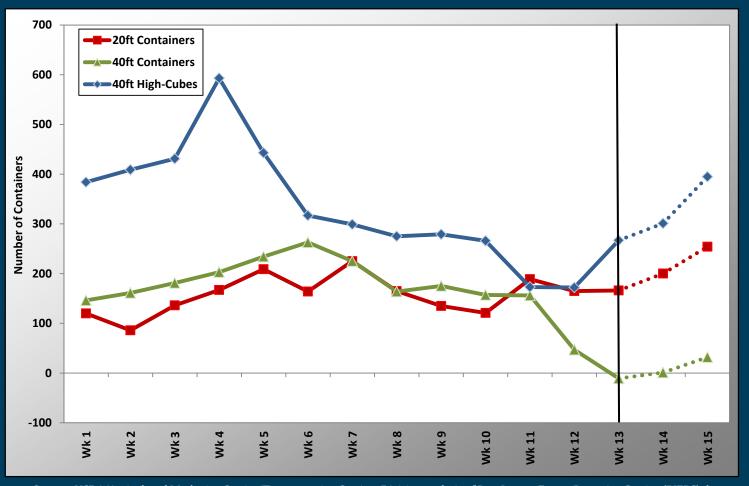
The Columbus, OH, inland port region is a growing intermodal hub for containerized grain exporters in the nation's heartland. The Journal of Commerce recently reported industry executives pointing to Columbus as one of the expanding areas of inland distribution centers. Import distribution centers provide import container traffic that creates the pool of empty containers for exporters.

Between April and June of 2013, Columbus moved nearly 66,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grains and grain products, including soybeans, made up more than 87 percent of the containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Grocery items comprised about 5 percent and bulbs and seeds about 4 percent. Approximately 63 percent of these agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers and 29 percent were moved in 20ft containers. 

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Container availability estimates for the Columbus market are the highest for 40ft high-cube containers. Estimates for this equipment type hit a peak of nearly 600 available units at the beginning of the year, but have fallen over the past 2 months. However, estimates increased this week and are expected to continue increasing for the next 2 weeks. Estimates for 20ft dry containers have trended relatively flat over the past 3 months, ranging between 225 and 86 units and averaging around 158 units. Estimates for 40ft dry containers followed a pattern similar to the 20ft containers over the past 3 months until last week, when estimates fell, and then again this week, when they fell to just below 0. Estimates for 40ft dry containers have averaged around 162 units since the beginning of the year. Over the next 2 weeks, carriers are projecting an increase in the availability each of the dry containers types.

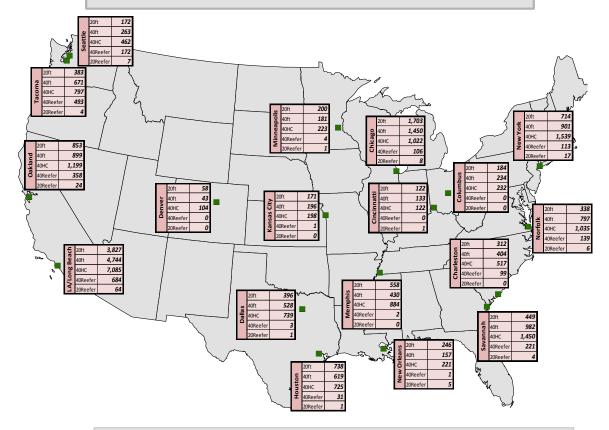
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Columbus, first week of 2014 (Wk 1) through 4th week of March (Wk 13), with Projections



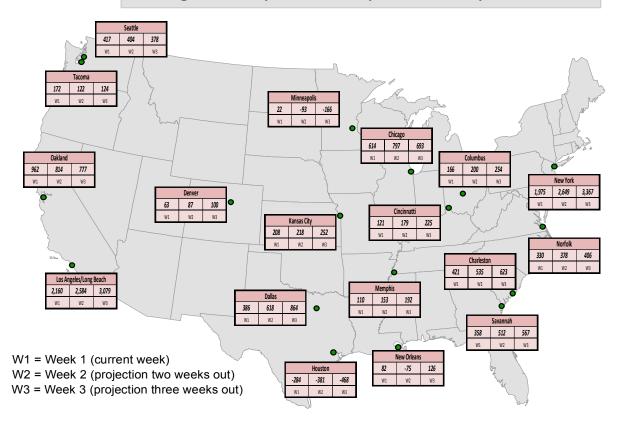
Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data . Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is



#### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

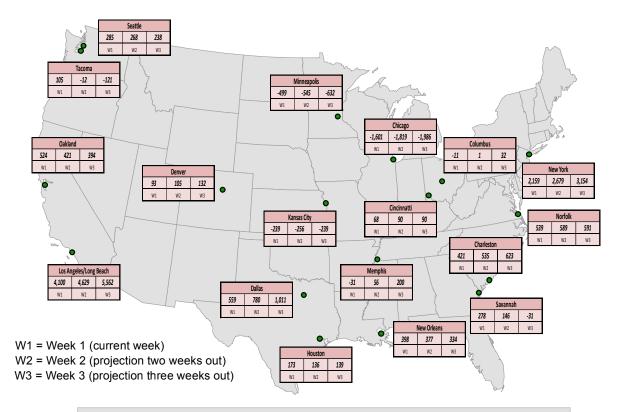


### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

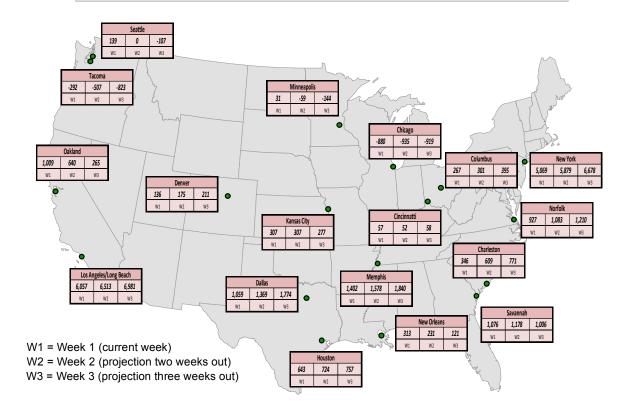




### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

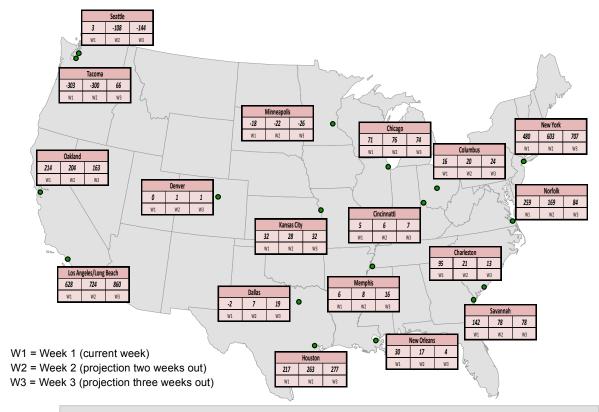


#### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

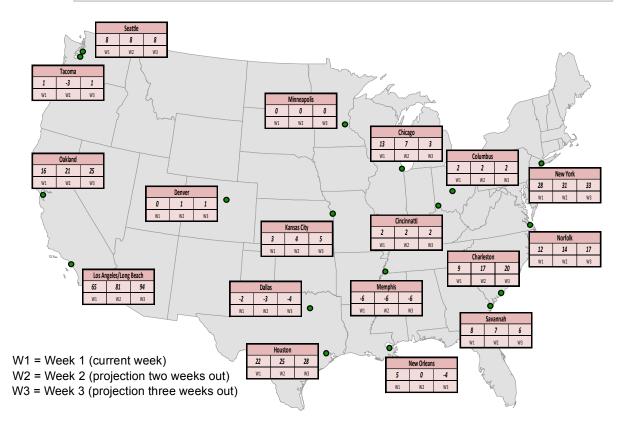




#### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



## Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





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				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	140	94	75	71	40	1					421
Week 2: Apr 2-8	197	101	77	118	40	2					535
Week 3: Apr 9-15	249	133	95	105	40	1					623
				40ft Dry	1						
				Carrie	Availab	ility Res <sub>i</sub>	ponses				Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	96	91	77	17	10	2					293
Week 2: Apr 2-8	49	119	125	20	10	3					326
Week 3: Apr 9-15	60	149	113	6	10	2					340
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	252	98	30	13	1	-48					346
Week 2: Apr 2-8	380	65	30	29	4	101					609
Week 3: Apr 9-15	509	70	30	62	2	98					771
			40f	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	96	26	11	5	0	-43					95
Week 2: Apr 2-8	76	29	8	5	0	-97					21
Week 3: Apr 9-15	56	32	8	5	0	-88					13
			20f	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	7	2	0								9
Week 2: Apr 2-8	8	9	0								17
Week 3: Apr 9-15	9	11	0								20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly												
Throughput													
June 2012-November 2012													
Container Types	Container Types Average Total Range of Individua												
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses											
20ft	312	0108											
40ft	404	0200											
40ft High Cubes	517	17200											
40ft Refrigerated	99	060											
20ft Refrigerated	0	00											

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month time frame



	•	•	(	Chicag	0	•	-	•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry	1						
		<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	800	106	15	4	-11	-300					614
Week 2: Apr 2-8	996	-75	185	2	-11	-300					797
Week 3: Apr 9-15	1,193	-106	-82	3	-15	-300					693
				40ft Dry	'						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	-5	-12	-26	-75	-83	-1,400					-1,601
Week 2: Apr 2-8	-4	-10	29	-83	-351	-1,400					-1,819
Week 3: Apr 9-15	-5	-13	83	-113	-538	-1,400					-1,986
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	299	120	75	25	1	-1,400					-880
Week 2: Apr 2-8	404	-4	121	-57	1	-1,400					-935
Week 3: Apr 9-15	498	-71	118	-65	1	-1,400					-919
	•		40f1	t Refrige	ated			•	•	•	•
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	39	25	8	0	-1				,	•	71
Week 2: Apr 2-8	43	30	5	0	-2						76
Week 3: Apr 9-15	46	30	-2	0	0						74
			20ft	t Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	10	3									13
Week 2: Apr 2-8	7	0				•	•		•		7
Week 3: Apr 9-15	6	-3									3

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly													
Throughput													
June 2012-November 2012													
Container Types	Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	ontainer Types   Weekly Throughput*   Carrier Response												
20ft	1,703	93600											
40ft	1,450	5302											
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34405											
40ft Refrigerated	106	051											
20ft Refrigerated	8	04											

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	·	•	Ci	ncinna	atti	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	45	40	31	12	-2	-5					121
Week 2: Apr 2-8	60	62	53	11	-2	-5					179
Week 3: Apr 9-15	77	73	73	10	-3	-5					225
				40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	33	32	25	14	-6	-30					68
Week 2: Apr 2-8	33	36	40	12	-1	-30					90
Week 3: Apr 9-15	10	41	53	16	0	-30					90
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	25	20	18	15	-5	-16					57
Week 2: Apr 2-8	25	23	10	14	0	-20					52
Week 3: Apr 9-15	25	28	11	11	0	-17					58
			40ft	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	5	0									5
Week 2: Apr 2-8	6	0									6
Week 3: Apr 9-15	7	0									7
	•		20ft	t Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	2										2
Week 2: Apr 2-8	2										2
Week 3: Apr 9-15	2										2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

#### **Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput** June 2012-November 2012 **Average Total** Range of Individual **Container Types** Weekly Throughput\* **Carrier Responses** 20ft 122 7...35 40ft 8...30 133 **40ft High Cubes** 122 11...35 **40ft Refrigerated** 0 0...0 **20ft Refrigerated** 1 0...1

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	·	•	Co	olumb	us	•		•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	106	32	21	10	3	-6					166
Week 2: Apr 2-8	134	48	10	8	3	-3					200
Week 3: Apr 9-15	158	72	11	12	3	-2					254
				40ft Dry	<i>'</i>						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	38	10	6	-2	-23	-40					-11
Week 2: Apr 2-8	61	11	0	-3	-28	-40					1
Week 3: Apr 9-15	87	14	-4	-1	-24	-40					32
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	100	84	61	15	7	0	,				267
Week 2: Apr 2-8	100	111	84	15	-8	-1					301
Week 3: Apr 9-15	100	175	110	10	0	0					395
			40f1	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	16	0									16
Week 2: Apr 2-8	20	0									20
Week 3: Apr 9-15	24	0									24
			20ft	Refrige	rated	_		_			
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	2										2
Week 2: Apr 2-8	2										2
Week 3: Apr 9-15	2										2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput												
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types	Average Total Range of Individua											
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses										
20ft	184	860										
40ft	234	680										
40ft High Cubes	232	1560										
40ft Refrigerated	0	00										
20ft Refrigerated	0	00										

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		•	•	Dalla	5	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	241	61	40	28	10	6					386
Week 2: Apr 2-8	364	126	40	50	32	6					618
Week 3: Apr 9-15	490	169	40	48	110	7					864
				40ft Dry	<b>'</b>						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	212	165	65	58	50	9					559
Week 2: Apr 2-8	251	277	158	37	50	7					780
Week 3: Apr 9-15	304	378	236	35	50	8					1,011
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	330	296	198	150	76	9					1,059
Week 2: Apr 2-8	417	432	294	150	68	8					1,369
Week 3: Apr 9-15	598	582	370	150	70	4					1,774
			40f1	Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	14	0	-16								-2
Week 2: Apr 2-8	27	0	-20								7
Week 3: Apr 9-15	43	0	-24								19
			20ft	Refriger	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	-2										-2
Week 2: Apr 2-8	-3										-3
Week 3: Apr 9-15	-4										-4

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput												
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*   Carrier Response											
20ft	396	5150										
40ft	528	12250										
40ft High Cubes	739	22250										
40ft Refrigerated	3	03										
20ft Refrigerated	1	01										

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			ı	Denve	r						
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	56	10	6	1	-3	-7					63
Week 2: Apr 2-8	71	11	9	1	1	-6					87
Week 3: Apr 9-15	87	16	1	1	0	-5					100
				40ft Dry	<b>!</b>						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	53	19	8	7	5	1					93
Week 2: Apr 2-8	73	23	-6	9	5	1					105
Week 3: Apr 9-15	92	31	-5	8	5	1					132
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	72	32	25	7	1	-1					136
Week 2: Apr 2-8	94	33	46	7	1	-6					175
Week 3: Apr 9-15	120	47	38	7	1	-2	•	•			211
			40f1	Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	0									0
Week 2: Apr 2-8	0	1									1
Week 3: Apr 9-15	0	1									1
			20ft	Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	0										0
Week 2: Apr 2-8	1										1
Week 3: Apr 9-15	1										1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput												
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*   Carrier Responses											
20ft	58	317										
40ft	43	110										
40ft High Cubes	104	150										
40ft Refrigerated	0	00										
20ft Refrigerated	0	00										

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			H	lousto	n						
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	38	10	5	-123	-364					-284
Week 2: Apr 2-8	150	29	5	3	-148	-420	•				-381
Week 3: Apr 9-15	150	33	4	1	-203	-453	•				-468
	_			40ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	200	72	71	2	-28	-144					173
Week 2: Apr 2-8	200	85	82	2	2	-235	٠				136
Week 3: Apr 9-15	200	184	79	3	-2	-325					139
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	322	212	70	69	5	-35					643
Week 2: Apr 2-8	304	278	70	80	5	-13	•				724
Week 3: Apr 9-15	277	308	70	114	2	-14	•				757
			40ft	Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	160	28	27	2	0		•				217
Week 2: Apr 2-8	175	35	51	2	0						263
Week 3: Apr 9-15	170	35	70	2	0		•				277
			20ft	Refriger	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	27	0	-5								22
Week 2: Apr 2-8	29	0	-4								25
Week 3: Apr 9-15	30	0	-2			•	10				28

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	738	50316									
40ft	619	50126									
40ft High Cubes	725	26355									
40ft Refrigerated	31	012									
20ft Refrigerated	1	01									

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	•	•	Ka	nsas (	City	•	•	•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	35	30	1	0	-8					208
Week 2: Apr 2-8	150	53	18	1	-3	-1					218
Week 3: Apr 9-15	150	66	37	1	-5	3					252
				40ft Dry	/						
ı		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	51	18	17	-11	-14	-300					-239
Week 2: Apr 2-8	19	19	22	-11	-5	-300					-256
Week 3: Apr 9-15	31	22	28	-12	-8	-300					-239
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	250	82	45	18	-14	-74					307
Week 2: Apr 2-8	250	74	48	-13	-15	-37					307
Week 3: Apr 9-15	250	67	54	-34	-15	-45					277
	·		40f	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	22	10	0								32
Week 2: Apr 2-8	14	14	0								28
Week 3: Apr 9-15	14	18	0								32
	·		20f	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	3										3
Week 2: Apr 2-8	4										4
Week 3: Apr 9-15	5										5

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	171	760									
40ft	196	975									
40ft High Cubes	198	1459									
40ft Refrigerated	1	01									
20ft Refrigerated	0	00									

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	•	Los A	ngele	s and	Long	Beach	•	•	•	•	
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	796	684	509	300	44	-173					2,160
Week 2: Apr 2-8	1,021	510	752	300	40	-39					2,584
Week 3: Apr 9-15	1,268	490	901	300	40	80					3,079
				40ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,333	891	750	689	382	55			Ι.		4,100
Week 2: Apr 2-8	1,639	1,179	750	541	468	52					4,629
Week 3: Apr 9-15	2,164	1,510	750	550	543	45					5,562
			40	ft High C	ube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	3,400	1,409	1,125	546	52	-475					6,057
Week 2: Apr 2-8	3,400	2,116	875	690	52	-620					6,513
Week 3: Apr 9-15	3,400	2,790	900	574	50	-733					6,981
			40ft	Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	384	106	75	44	39	-20					628
Week 2: Apr 2-8	431	142	75	65	61	-50					724
Week 3: Apr 9-15	481	169	75	95	80	-40					860
·			20ft	Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	44	11	10								65
Week 2: Apr 2-8	58	13	10								81
Week 3: Apr 9-15	72	12	10								94

Six-Month	Snapshot of Aver	age Weekly									
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	3,827	462500									
40ft	4,744	833000									
40ft High Cubes	7,085	2033300									
40ft Refrigerated	684	21300									
20ft Refrigerated	64	150									

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	,		N	1empl	nis						•
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	80	23	11	10	4	-18					110
Week 2: Apr 2-8	80	36	70	9	1	-43					153
Week 3: Apr 9-15	80	46	117	6	1	-58					192
				40ft Dry	1						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	84	20	19	1	-24	-131					-31
Week 2: Apr 2-8	101	20	6	1	-27	-45					56
Week 3: Apr 9-15	117	20	4	2	-14	71					200
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	900	308	129	42	20	3					1,402
Week 2: Apr 2-8	900	425	134	94	21	4					1,578
Week 3: Apr 9-15	900	588	201	129	18	4					1,840
			40ft	Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	8	0	-2					Ι.			6
Week 2: Apr 2-8	10	0	-2								8
Week 3: Apr 9-15	18	0	-2								16
			20ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	-6										-6
Week 2: Apr 2-8	-6										-6
Week 3: Apr 9-15	-6										-6

20ft Refrigerated

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
Throughput										
June 2012-November 2012										
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua								
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses								
20ft	558	11300								
40ft	430	11200								
40ft High Cubes	884	9600								
40ft Refrigerated	2	02								

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

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			Mi	nneap	olis	•					•
				20ft Dry	l						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	112	43	24	-6	-51	-100					22
Week 2: Apr 2-8	127	-34	14	-7	-93	-100					-93
Week 3: Apr 9-15	140	-65	12	-7	-146	-100					-166
				40ft Dry	<b>'</b>						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	25	6	-8	-23	-200	-299		,			-499
Week 2: Apr 2-8	19	6	-8	-19	-200	-343					-545
Week 3: Apr 9-15	15	4	-8	-16	-200	-427					-632
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	32	30	-8	-19	-154		l .			31
Week 2: Apr 2-8	150	17	15	-8	-18	-215					-59
Week 3: Apr 9-15	150	-9	11	-9	-12	-275					-144
·			40ft	t Refrige	rated						1
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	-18									-18
Week 2: Apr 2-8	0	-22									-22
Week 3: Apr 9-15	0	-26									-26
	•		20ft	t Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total		
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1											0
Week 2: Apr 2-8			•		•						0
Week 3: Apr 9-15											0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	200	3102									
40ft	181	180									
40ft High Cubes	223	2144									
40ft Refrigerated	4	04									
20ft Refrigerated	1	01									

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



			Nev	w Orle	eans						
				20ft Dry	l						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	120	11	3	0	0	-52					82
Week 2: Apr 2-8	14	7	1	-2	0	-95					-75
Week 3: Apr 9-15	239	8	1	-1	0	-121					126
				40ft Dry	1						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	366	11	11	9	1	0					398
Week 2: Apr 2-8	349	11	10	6	1	0					377
Week 3: Apr 9-15	311	11	10	2	0	0					334
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	261	22	19	10	1	0					313
Week 2: Apr 2-8	193	9	16	12	1	0					231
Week 3: Apr 9-15	85	5	22	9	0	0					121
			40f1	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	32	0	-2								30
Week 2: Apr 2-8	26	0	-9								17
Week 3: Apr 9-15	20	0	-16								4
			20f1	Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	5	0									5
Week 2: Apr 2-8	5	-5									0
Week 3: Apr 9-15	5	-9									-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	246	5158									
40ft	157	580									
40ft High Cubes	221	5139									
40ft Refrigerated	1	01									
20ft Refrigerated	5	05									

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



			N	ew Yo	rk	•	•	•	•		
				20ft Dry	1						
		<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>									
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	795	500	300	204	158	18					1,975
Week 2: Apr 2-8	1,219	500	394	228	283	25					2,649
Week 3: Apr 9-15	1,605	500	542	218	482	20					3,367
				40ft Dry	1						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	671	606	400	341	121	20					2,159
Week 2: Apr 2-8	972	700	400	414	170	23					2,679
Week 3: Apr 9-15	1,245	781	400	554	154	20					3,154
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	2,300	1,130	904	575	140	20					5,069
Week 2: Apr 2-8	2,300	1,199	1,375	779	193	33					5,879
Week 3: Apr 9-15	2,300	1,339	1,820	1,011	178	30					6,678
			40f1	Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	162	98	91	60	59	10					480
Week 2: Apr 2-8	233	117	141	65	37	10					603
Week 3: Apr 9-15	297	140	189	50	21	10					707
			20ft	Refriger	ated	•					
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	22	5	1							•	28
Week 2: Apr 2-8	24	5	2								31
Week 3: Apr 9-15	26	5	2								33

# Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012

Range of Individual **Average Total Container Types** Weekly Throughput\* **Carrier Responses** 20ft 714 3...150 40ft 901 56...250 40ft High Cubes 1,539 87...400 **40ft Refrigerated** 113 0...36 20ft Refrigerated 17 0...10

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



			ſ	Norfol	k						
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	104	97	80	35	34	-20					330
Week 2: Apr 2-8	115	70	80	40	63	10	٠				378
Week 3: Apr 9-15	141	33	80	10	59	83					406
	<u> </u>			40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	175	156	134	98	6	-30					539
Week 2: Apr 2-8	175	186	130	114	7	-23					589
Week 3: Apr 9-15	175	203	95	133	10	-25	10				591
			40	ft High C	ube				•		
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	450	192	159	149	8	-31					927
Week 2: Apr 2-8	450	274	110	192	6	51	•				1,083
Week 3: Apr 9-15	450	349	74	283	5	49	•				1,210
			40ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	162	84	24	10	0	-21				Ι.	259
Week 2: Apr 2-8	112	53	30	10	0	-36					169
Week 3: Apr 9-15	62	13	30	10	0	-31					84
			20f1	Refrige	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	13	1	-2				•				12
Week 2: Apr 2-8	14	1	-1	•		•	•				14
Week 3: Apr 9-15	15	1	1				( <b>-</b> )				17

# Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012

Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>
20ft	338	1175
40ft	797	8200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74300
40ft Refrigerated	139	058
20ft Refrigerated	6	05

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	•	•	(	Daklar	nd	•	•	•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	289	250	238	121	59	5					962
Week 2: Apr 2-8	223	250	196	141	2	2					814
Week 3: Apr 9-15	194	250	170	166	-10	7					777
				40ft Dry	<b>'</b>						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	623	4	2	-29	-36	-40					524
Week 2: Apr 2-8	596	-28	3	-43	-67	-40					421
Week 3: Apr 9-15	635	-52	6	-66	-89	-40					394
	•		40	ft High C	ube						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	708	330	300	237	9	-575					1,009
Week 2: Apr 2-8	297	284	300	250	7	-498					640
Week 3: Apr 9-15	-64	273	300	267	3	-514					265
	•	•	40f	t Refrige	ated	•		•		•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	277	30	28	23	-10	-134					214
Week 2: Apr 2-8	197	30	-5	72	-10	-80					204
Week 3: Apr 9-15	181	30	-37	99	-20	-90					163
			20f	t Refrige	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	11	10	-5								16
Week 2: Apr 2-8	18	10	-7					•			21
Week 3: Apr 9-15	25	10	-10								25

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
	Throughput									
J	une 2012-November 20	012								
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual								
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses								
20ft	853	26250								
40ft	899	14300								
40ft High Cubes	1,199 34400									
40ft Refrigerated	Oft Refrigerated 358 26120									
20ft Refrigerated	24	08								

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	·	•	Sa	avann	ah	•	•				
				20ft Dry							
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	192	192 117 80 46 3 -80									358
Week 2: Apr 2-8	273	129	80	58	3	-31					512
Week 3: Apr 9-15	286	149	80	42	3	7					567
				40ft Dry	1						
1			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	509	120	64	4	-90	-329					278
Week 2: Apr 2-8	479	120	65	2	-59	-461					146
Week 3: Apr 9-15	495	120	14	3	-70	-593					-31
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	838	300	95	47	0	-204					1,076
Week 2: Apr 2-8	812	300	27	134	0	-95					1,178
Week 3: Apr 9-15	893	300	-246	175	0	-116					1,006
			40f1	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	161	35	10	0	-4	-60					142
Week 2: Apr 2-8	147	30	10	-25	-5	-79					78
Week 3: Apr 9-15	138	30	10	-11	-8	-81					78
			20ft	Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	4	3	1								8
Week 2: Apr 2-8	4	2	1								7
Week 3: Apr 9-15	4	1	1								6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
Throughput										
Ji	June 2012-November 2012									
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual								
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>								
20ft	449	0150								
40ft	982	0409								
40ft High Cubes	<b>Oft High Cubes</b> 1,450 21385									
40ft Refrigerated	ft Refrigerated 221 080									
20ft Refrigerated	4	02								

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				Seattl	e					
				20ft Dry	1					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	297	90	25	5						417
Week 2: Apr 2-8	288	90	18	8						404
Week 3: Apr 9-15	266	90	13	9				•		378
				40ft Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	113	20	2						285
Week 2: Apr 2-8	150	97	16	5						268
Week 3: Apr 9-15	150	59	20	9						238
			40	ft High C	ube					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	240	22	6	-129						139
Week 2: Apr 2-8	240	-13	4	-231						0
Week 3: Apr 9-15	240	-32	9	-324						-107
			40ft	t Refriger	ated					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	34	20	-10	-41						3
Week 2: Apr 2-8	32	20	-20	-140						-108
Week 3: Apr 9-15	27	20	-10	-181						-144
		•	20ft	t Refriger	ated	•				
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total				
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	7	1								8
Week 2: Apr 2-8	7	1	•							8
Week 3: Apr 9-15	7	1								8

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
	Throughput									
J	une 2012-November 20	012								
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual								
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses								
20ft	172	2970								
40ft	263	791								
40ft High Cubes	Oft High Cubes 462 104148									
40ft Refrigerated	40ft Refrigerated 172 0122									
20ft Refrigerated	7	05								

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	·	•	•	Tacom	a	•	•	•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	114	83	8	5	-38						172
Week 2: Apr 2-8	106	2	8	5	1						122
Week 3: Apr 9-15	115	-6	8	5	2						124
				40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	248	15	7	-73	-92						105
Week 2: Apr 2-8	171	15	8	-108	-98						-12
Week 3: Apr 9-15	88	15	8	-118	-114						-121
40ft High Cube											
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	136	103	80	8	-619						-292
Week 2: Apr 2-8	-153	51	80	9	-494						-507
Week 3: Apr 9-15	-447	44	80	10	-510						-823
			40f1	t Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	250	5	0	-277	-281					Ι.	-303
Week 2: Apr 2-8	350	5	0	-387	-268						-300
Week 3: Apr 9-15	359	5	0	-48	-250						66
			20f	t Refrige	ated						•
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Mar 26-Apr 1	1	0									1
Week 2: Apr 2-8	1	-4									-3
Week 3: Apr 9-15	1	0									1

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly									
	Throughput								
J	une 2012-November 20	012							
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual							
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses							
20ft	383	1300							
40ft	671	15500							
40ft High Cubes	797	76600							
40ft Refrigerated	493 0203								
20ft Refrigerated	4	04							

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

# Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
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- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:

20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.

40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.

40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).

40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.

20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.

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